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THE PRESIDENT DECLARED TO BE INSANE.

While all of the policies of President Roosevelt are not marked by a calm judgment, and while all of his actions as the chief executive of this land or as a citizen, are not strictly sane in the strictest meaning of the word, it seems to us that there is no warrant for the charge that he is insane, which has been made by an eminent alienist in the current number of the North American Review. The writer of the article is Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton and the editor of the periodical in which the article appears is Col. Harvey, who bears toward President Roosevelt an intense hatred. In the course of his article, Dr. Hamilton says:

"His ideals may be high enough, and he may strive to cultivate a personal altruistic life, yet his studied desire to help and reform others often ends in mischievous disregard of those who do not need development, or protection, or correction, and he may be even looked upon as a 'mischievous meddler.'"

"Persistent effort, energy, and fixity of purpose, even for the accomplishment of seemingly important results, of course, do not in themselves indicate sanity."

"There is a well known disorder called paranoid reformatoria which is expressed in erratic attempts at social betterment when none is needed, and in disorderly efforts which usually fall far short of accomplishment. Another class comes under the head of what is known as querulants, whose unhinging is usually manifested by purposeless and unnecessary litigation, while ideas of persecution and conspiracy are accomplishments of both forms to a greater or less degree."

"They are perhaps exceedingly brilliant in some directions, while deficient in others. There is, however, a conspicuous lack of stability in all their plans, and a want of consistency in what they say and do. They are obsessed by the ecstasies of loquacity and scribbled, and the literature of the insane furnishes us with striking examples of verbosity. Specimens of the writings of the expansive insane are not only redundant in exalted phrases and florid rhetoric, but in energetic invective as well."

"A prematurely active and disorderly mind is ready to take hints which it supplies and makes its very own."

"The investiture of power in an unstable person is likely to lead to an abuse of privilege, and a quasi-delusional assumption of the right to regulate in an arbitrary way the affairs of a great nation with a total disregard of individual rights."

The accusation is monstrous and even if the man himself did not deserve more consideration, the office he occupies should. There is every reason to believe that the article was paid for by the corporations upon whose plundering methods the President has been instrumental in turning light, and it is well to remark that the newspapers which have accepted it with seriousness are those controlled by the exposed plunderers who are seeking to recover control of the government which they lost when the President began to adopt the policies

so long advocated by William Jennings Bryan. According to this eminent expert President Roosevelt is afflicted with psychoses and is really an insane man, because he has called a halt on the rascally methods of rotten corporations and rotten finance. While the learned doctor suggested a salutary reform in the matter of selecting our Presidents, he did not present any plan for carrying it into effect. Therefore, if the views of this scientific charlatan who, for pay, has brought this monstrous accusation against the President are to be adopted, it is reasonable to suppose that Congress will have to provide for a national board of lunatic deinquendium, whose duty it shall be to determine the sanity of criminals for the presidency and other high offices within the gift of the people.

It is perhaps all right to play politics and to play it hard, but there is no justification in the move which has been made by Col. Harvey, Dr. Hamilton and their colleagues. It is not politics, in fact; it is malignity and instead of being injured by the article, it will no doubt make thousands of friends for the President. There is no semblance of fair play about the article and when you get breaking into unfair play, there is sure to be aroused the best feelings and highest sentiments of thousands of citizens of this nation. It is a "square deal" nation on the whole and when an attempt is made to injure the chief executive of the land by low despicable, underhand tricks and venomous accusations not based on sense or reason, it is going to make friends for the President.

PANDORA'S BOX OF EVILS.

Some Republican papers, especially those of the independent kind, are giving their readers information of the sorry pass the Republican party has brought the country to. Thus the New York Sun, with its independent soul much vexed by what Mr. Bryan asserts is mainly due to Mr. Roosevelt fleeing "Democratic policies," declares that we are now indebted to President Roosevelt for:

"Private confidence and credit shattered; decreasing business; empty freight cars and empty pay envelopes; railroad employees and industrial workers laid off by the hundred thousand; disaster made thoroughly Republican; the constitution kicked one side like a broken teddy bear; the courts insulted; capital persecuted and frightened; suspicion and hatred sown sedulously among classes whose prosperity or adversity is inseparably mutual; half veiled, sinister prophecies of riot; the army demoralized by favoritism, the navy embarked upon a mysterious and dangerous adventure; currency reform unachieved, civil service reform made a byword."

The Sun might have added that trusts have been fined but no trust magnate, however guilty, is yet in stripes. Harriman, that malefactor of great wealth, is at large and is said to be again likely to be a delegate to the Republican national convention. The trusts are still selling abroad cheaper than at home and the margin is larger than ever against the American people. Serious scandals in Congress to say nothing of frauds and graft being wide-spread. Such and more is the Pandora box of evils that the people inherit from Republican rule.

Secretary of Navy Metcalf is probably not dreading his trip to San Francisco to greet the fleet. As he will not have to go aboard the ships while they are in motion, he will avoid his old enemy, seasickness.

While a Malden, Mass., court was trying to decide who a hen belonged to, the fowl laid an egg in court. It was surely an inconsiderate hen that would pile up the burdens of a judge in that way.

There is a Mr. Boozer a candidate for a prominent office in Georgia. That name will not look quite right on a ticket in a prohibition state.

Young Maxim did not know he was doing it, but just the same he has proved himself to be one of the best friends the paragraphs have had in a long time.

A woman writer wants to know why a woman always closes her eyes when a man kisses her. Comes to think about it, we never looked to see whether her eyes were closed or not.

The Wilmington, Del., Board of Trade is contemplating the fearful deed of destroying 1,800,000 hives. It's 200,000 cats it wants to kill.

John F. Stevens' wall about the Panama canal sounds too much like the crowd of a disappointed man to bear much weight with the public.

The Mystery of a Gem.

(Original.)

A small market wagon drawn by one bony horse pulled up in front of a pawnbroker's shop in Paris. A young countryman and a girl sat on a cross board at the fore end, the man a strapping fellow, the girl comely and rosy as a peony. The girl descended from the seat and went into the pawnbroker's. He was a white-headed old man and, unlike most of his trade, he nevolent looking.

"I would like, monsieur, if you would be so kind as to lend me a hundred francs on this."

She produced a pearl the size of a nutmeg. It was of a very unusual shade. The pawnbroker looked at it for a long while, then said:

"How did you come by it?"

"Alphonse—Alphonse is to marry me—has had it ever since his mother died. We wish to be married, and we have no means."

"How long ago did Alphonse's mother die?"

"When Alphonse was a baby, more than twenty years ago."

"And where did Alphonse's mother get it?"

"Alphonse's mother was when young lady's maid to a countess. Just before the countess' death she gave it to her maid. The countess died of smallpox and all but her maid had deserted her."

"Did the countess say anything about the value of the gift?"

"How could she since she was dying and could scarcely speak? Don't you think it is worth so much as a hundred francs? Can't you lend anything or it?" she asked anxiously.

"Does Alphonse wish to sell it?"

"He has kept it for his mother's sake. He never knew a mother's love but he thinks a great deal about what his mother was like. He would rather pawn it."

There was a look of truthfulness and innocence in the girl's face that won the old man's confidence.

"So you and Alphonse are lovers and wish to borrow 100 francs on this for the purpose of being married?"

"Yes, monsieur, if you think it is worth so much."

The pawnbroker handed her four napoleons, took her address and sent her off jubilant. He saw her go out and communicate her happiness to her lover by showing him the four shining gold pieces. Then they drove away both talking at once and gesticulating. Evidently they had never before had such a windfall.

The pawnbroker possessed a small library of books giving the history of valuable articles. As soon as the girl had gone he took down a volume or celebrated gems that had passed through strange hands. Turning over the leaves, he at last came to an account of the disappearance about a century and a half ago of two large diamonds from the English crown. A pearl of extraordinary size and luster had disappeared at the same time. No trace had ever been discovered of the missing gems, and after so long a period no expectation was entertained of their recovery.

Here was a little gem the size of the tip of a lady's finger that a peasant had kept from his babyhood and was doubtful if he could borrow \$20 on it. Had it been displayed in a jeweler's case, of the thousands who looked at it not one would probably have seen any difference between it and the large and brilliant jewels resting beside it. But for half a century this old pawnbroker had done nothing but inspect valuable articles, chiefly jewels. To him the pearl stood alone. That singular something which has no identity, no personality, no essence, but which we call experience, told him that he had in his possession a gem that a hundred and fifty years ago had been stolen from the English crown.

A week passed. The couple who had pawned the jewel were celebrating their wedding day. There was little wherewith to celebrate, but they made the most of what they had. A letter came by the post summoning them to Paris at once to see the pawnbroker. They were much frightened, fearing that they were to be called upon to redeem the pearl, and they had spent the money. Alphonse put the horse in the wagon, and they drove into the city.

When they reached the pawnbroker's he sent them into a private room, where they waited half an hour in suspense. Then the pawnbroker entered with a man, an Englishman.

"This is the couple," the former said. "You may question them if you like, but you will get nothing."

"The government will be happy to pay the reward that has so long been offered and ask no questions," replied the other.

The Englishman took from a wallet three notes, two for 11,000 each and one for 1500, equivalent to about \$12,000, and handed them to the groom, who drew back, frightened.

"A wedding present for you," said the pawnbroker, and he gave an explanation of how the money came to be paid him. At first Alphonse feared they were trying to draw him into a trap. Indeed, he would not take the money till he had called in a notary to whom he was accustomed to sell vegetables, who looked the matter through carefully and assured him that the transaction was fair and square.

On their wedding night, after placing their fortune in a savings bank, the young couple drove their little cart home with a happiness in their hearts that came to them but once in their lives.

Nothing was ever learned as to the wanderings of the pearl from the time it was taken from the British crown till it was given to the peasant's mother.

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The Black Hand generally turns up a crank.—St. Louis Times.

Who ever saw a candidate that wasn't a friend of labor?—Youngstown Telegram.

Every time Japan ventures to move Hobson sounds the tocsin.—Newark Evening News.

Up to 30 a girl can depend on her good looks. After that she's got to be clever.—Atlanta Georgian.

Is there no way by which the national campaign may be opened with one of those new noiseless guns?—Atlanta Journal.

Senator Foraker did not attend the Ohio Republican convention, but the convention appears to have attended to him all the same.—Philadelphia Press.

Beckham found that monkeying with the buzzsaw is the way to make one finger grow where two grew before.—Nashville American.

Whom do the women's clubs talk about at those meetings where all members are present?—Toledo Blade.

There are very few big guns in politics that are either smokeless or noiseless.—Washington Post.

The "first robin" flite from city to city as lightly as Mr. Secretary Taft.—Washington Herald.

Bear Trap Set for Officers.

The gaping jaws of a bear-trap is what confronted Deputy United States Marshal John H. Blankenship, Deputy Marshal George Sharp and others when they made a raid last Friday night into the mountains of Blount county.

In the posse were the two deputies mentioned and Deputy Revenue Collector J. S. Remine. They left the city and went to the North Carolina line, and there located a distillery alleged to have been owned and operated by "Uncle Sam" Burchfield. It was in the fastnesses of the mountains, and as the officers were just on the point of leaping from the roof into the little house Messrs. Blankenship and Sharp spied the bear trap and crawled back.

They were both on the point of leaping down at the same time, and had they done so they would have been instantly caught in the trap. The trap is said to have been one of the largest ever seen in the mountains of East Tennessee.

Burchfield had escaped, but it is said that he will be arrested, but the officer's quest of him will look out in the future for man traps as well as bear traps.—Knoxville Sentinel.

A willowly maid is a skinny girl with an obese junk account.

Many a woman advances step by step until she becomes a stepmother.

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